

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

v.

Fernando Lopez-Leon,
Defendant

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**Case No. 1:24-cr-00025-RP
1:19-cr-00052-RP**

Order on Motion to Withdraw and Appoint New Counsel

Now before the Court is Defendant Fernando Lopez-Leon's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and for Appointment of New Counsel, filed April 8, 2024. Dkt. 24 in 1:24-cr-25; Dkt. 44 in 1:19-cr-00052. The District Court referred the Motion to this Magistrate Judge for resolution, and on April 15, 2024, the Court held a hearing on the Motion at which Defendant was present.

The Court finds that there is good cause to appoint new counsel, and that Defendant has received notice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and for Appointment of New Counsel is **GRANTED**. In both cases, Assistant Federal Public Defender Jose I. Gonzalez-Fallas is hereby **WITHDRAWN** and, consistent with the Court's Orders Regarding Financial Status and Appointing Public Defender, **Jon Evans #00787445** is hereby **APPOINTED** as Defendant's counsel of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these cases be removed from this Magistrate Judge's docket and returned to the docket of the Honorable Robert Pitman.

SIGNED on April 15, 2024.



SUSAN HIGHTOWER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE